



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)**(Implements RCW 34.05.310)**Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making**Agency:** Dept. of Agriculture

Subject of possible rule making: Chapter 16-470 WAC, Quarantine -- agricultural pests (WAC 16-470-900 through 921). The department is reviewing its fees for plant pathology services performed by the plant services and pest programs and may propose to raise them. In addition, the department may amend the existing language to increase its clarity and readability and update the language to conform to current industry and regulatory standards.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: Chapters 17.24 & 34.05 RCW

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Current plant pathology fee income is not adequate to cover costs associated with providing program services. RCW 17.24.131 (Requested inspections -- Fee for service--Disbursements in lieu of fee) states that the director may prescribe a fee for plant pathology services that "shall, as closely as practical, cover the cost of the service rendered, including the salaries and expenses of the personnel involved."

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:
None

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
☐ Pilot rule making
☐ Agency study

☒ Other (describe) Department staff will discuss any proposed amendments with affected stakeholders. Affected stakeholders will also have an opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed rules during the public comment period and will be able to present oral testimony at the public hearing.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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